units defaulting in payment and depositing Provident Fund ; and

(b) since how long, they have been defaulting and what is the amount involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

Social security scheme to cover more workers

550. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to expand the social security schemes to cover more workers particularly in unorganised sectors ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to expand the scope of the existing social security schemes so as to cover workers in the unorganised sector. However, a programme for 1992-93 has been finalised to implement the ESI Scheme, which is a premier Social Security Scheme, in 39 additional centres covering approximately 1.27 lakh additional workers in the organised sector.

Number of persons registered with Employment Exchanges

551. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of persons registered with the different Employment Exchanges in the Country, (State-wise) number of them for skilled or technically qualified and in other categories as on 31st December, 1991; and

(b) the details of action taken for their employment?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) State-wise number of job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December, 1991 and their classification by occupational categories as on 31st December, 1988 (latest available) are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 14].

(b) Besides the employment generation taking place in the normal development process, additional employment is also generated through the special employment programmes. Employment is also a central objective of the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Welfare funds for labourers

552. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the classes of labour for whom welfare funds have been constituted, the manner in which they have been constituted and the way in which they are to be utilised for their benefit, number of workers likely to be benefitted by the welfare funds ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : The Labour Welfare Funds have been constituted for the following category of workers:-

(i) Beedi Workers.

(ii) Mica Mine Workers.

(iii) Iron Ore Mine Workers.

(iv) Chrome Ore Mine Workers.

(v) Manganese Ore Mine Workers.